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CIA Overdoes It

U.S. Congressman Edward Koch has charged the Central Intelligence Agency with interfering in U.S. internal affairs, following press reports that CIA agents are instructing the police in political espionage methods.

Under the National Security Act of 1947 the CIA is empowered to engage in intelligence and other subversive activities outside the bounds of the United States, but it is prohibited from going in for sleuthing and political espionage in the country. The heads of the CIA, however, taking advantage of the special place they occupy in the Administration, have long ignored the law. According to the U.S. press, it has agencies under various labels in twenty U.S. cities, including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans and Seattle.